

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND CREDIT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5297) to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, and for other purposes:

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act. I want to thank the Chairmen of the Financial Services and Small Business Committees, Representatives BARNEY FRANK, D-MA, and NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ, D-NY, respectively, for their leadership in bringing to bear this jobs-creating measure and Congressman GARY PETERS, D-MI, for providing critical guidance for Michigan on the bill as it moved forward.

Today, we are, voting on legislation that will encourage lending to small businesses and in turn job creation. First, H.R. 5297 sets up a \$30 billion small business lending fund for small- and medium-sized community banks, which could leverage up to \$300 billion in lending. The fund encourages small business lending by decreasing the interest rate at which the loan is paid back when the bank expands lending to small businesses. Second, the bill creates a State Small Business Credit Initiative to be administered by the Treasury Department which would provide funding for new or existing state lending programs. It is estimated the new Credit Initiative would create an estimated \$20 billion in new lending. Finally, H.R. 5297 contains a provision to restart private investment to meet small businesses' evolving financing needs through a new SBA public-private partnership.

While the Democratic Congress blunted the downward spiral of our economy that was born out of Bush administration policy, our unemployment rate still hovers around 9.5 percent nationwide and around 14 percent in Michigan. It is clear that we can and must do more to ensure our government continues to put the economy on the path to recovery. In particular, small businesses must have access to capital so they can expand and hire workers. In the beginning of this month at a Federal Reserve Bank meeting in Detroit, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke highlighted this need as he called on banks to lend to small businesses "for the safety and soundness of our banking system." This legislation fulfills the need articulated not only by Mr. Bernanke and other leading economists, but by small businesses in the 15th district such as our automotive suppliers and manufacturers, high tech start ups, and innovative alternative energy firms. I have listened to the concerns of small

businesses in my district about the lack of available credit and with the passage of this bill we are taking action to address their concerns.

The statistic has been cited many times before, but it is worth remembering that small businesses have created two-thirds of net new jobs over the past 15 years. Let's help our small businesses help grow our economy by passing this important legislation. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting "yes" on H.R. 5297.

HONORING LT. COL. DUDLEY R. CANNON, JR., TITUSVILLE, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lt. Col. D.R. Cannon Jr. who, on June 25th of this year, will be retiring after 28 years of service to the United States Air Force. Today, we celebrate his dedication to his family, our country, and the Judge Advocate General's Corp.

Col. Cannon was a direct appointee to the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department, starting as first lieutenant in June 1982. He began active duty in July 1982 and served four years at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts. Upon leaving active duty in June 1986, he joined the active reserves and was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base, FL until June 31, 1988. From August 1986 until June 1988, he served a split attachment with his tour at Eglin Air Force Base and inactive training at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. In June of 1988, Col. Cannon was reattached to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Eastern Space and Missile Center (now 45th Space Wing), at Patrick Air Force Base. After leaving active duty, Col. Cannon started working for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration with the office of Chief Council at Kennedy Space Center. Since November 2004, he has been the Director of Procurement at Kennedy.

Among his various awards, Col. Cannon has been awarded the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal, NASA's Exceptional Service Medal, and the NASA Small Business Administrator's Cup Award for Fiscal Year 2009.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Col. Cannon has remained a dedicated and caring leader, husband and father; putting his all in everything he does. His legacy will continue in the hundreds of JAG Corps personnel he has mentored through the years.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Lt. Col. Dudley Cannon on the occasion of his retirement and thanking him for his service to our great nation.

SUPPORT TAIWAN

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, as a long-time friend of Taiwan, and as one of the 140 bipartisan Members of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting an issue that my Taiwanese-American constituents and I care deeply about.

During the previous Congress, I introduced H. Con. Res. 250, which supports Taiwan's full membership in international organizations such as the United Nations. To me, it seems only fair that a country with a population of 23 million be represented in the U.N. and its affiliated organizations.

If it weren't for China's disapproval, Taiwan would likely have become a member of the U.N. long ago. China consistently blocks Taiwan's membership in the U.N. because China opposes international recognition of Taiwan's status as a sovereign and independent country. And since China is a large country, and Taiwan a small one, Taiwan's involvement in international organizations has become contingent upon Chinese approval.

A prime example of China's influence occurred just a short while ago. In early April of this year, the media reported that China would permit Taiwan's Health Minister to attend the annual summit of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva for the second year in a row.

Then, in mid-April, our State Department sent a report to Congress supporting "meaningful participation" by Taiwan in the WHO. It read: "As we plan for the 63rd WHA [World Health Assembly] session this May, the U.S. welcomes the extension of WHA's invitation once again to Taiwan to send an observer delegation. [. . .] The invitation to attend the 2009 WHA was issued after the People's Republic of China agreed to Taiwan's participation." Clearly, Taiwan attended this year's summit only because China allowed it to do so.

I am concerned that other countries and international organizations will now begin to view China as Taiwan's suzerain. If this view becomes the accepted international norm, Taiwan's current status as an independent, sovereign state will be undermined further.

Some applauded the fact that Taiwan had any presence in this year's summit. I would like to point out though that, due to Chinese pressure, Taiwan participated under the name "Chinese Taipei," even though the name of the country is "Taiwan." Taipei is merely Taiwan's capital. In addition, Taiwan participated in the WHA session as a mere "observer." This meant that Taiwan's representatives did not have the right to vote during the weeklong meeting. Furthermore, Taiwan's participation was not permanent; it came under Beijing's sponsorship on a one-year-at-a-time basis.

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Rather than supporting “meaningful participation,” I believe the U.S. should promote Taiwan’s full membership in international organizations such as the WHO. I therefore urge my colleagues to join me in supporting Taiwan’s full and equal membership in the United Nations, the WHO, and other international organizations.

A TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT
ZACHARY WALTERS

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marine Sergeant Zachary Walters who was killed in Helmand, Afghanistan on June 8, 2010 while serving with the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Sergeant Walters attended Flagler Palm Coast High School and was a member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). He graduated in 2005 and joined the United States Marine Corps the next day, passing up college scholarships and job offers so he could serve the country he loved. During his initial tour in the Marine Corps, he deployed from August 2008 to March 2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After his initial enlistment was complete, Sergeant Walters could have returned to civilian life, but he instead chose to re-enlist in the Marine Corps. Sergeant Walters learned that the Marines whom he had trained would be deployed to Afghanistan, and he felt it was his duty to lead the Marines he had prepared into combat. He selflessly chose to answer the call once again. Sergeant Walters shipped out in May for Afghanistan, just days before his 24th birthday.

Sergeant Walters lost his life to a roadside bomb while doing what he had chosen to do: leading men into combat. Our Nation can never repay the debt we owe to this brave man and his family. Sergeant Walters represents the best values of this Nation and the Marine Corps, embodying the Corps’ values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

I cannot state it any better than Sergeant Walters’ mother, Regina Walters, did, when she said: “I’ve never been prouder in my life. My precious boy made the ultimate sacrifice. He would not have had it any other way.”

I wish to extend my condolences to Sergeant Walters’ family and hope that they continue to find solace in his lasting impact on both his grateful Nation and his proud Corps.

IN HONOR OF THE 51ST ANNUAL
DINNER OF THE CLEVELAND
CHAPTER OF THE NAACP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 51st Annual Dinner of the Cleveland Chapter NAACP. The Cleveland Chapter and all NAACP Chapters were a

driving force behind our nation’s civil rights movement. Founded in 1912, the Cleveland Chapter continues to serve as a source of support and strength on behalf of the rights and freedoms of minorities.

While the Cleveland Chapter began as a small group, they quickly grew to 1,600 members by 1922. The population of African Americans in Northeast Ohio increased during the 1920s and 1930s, allowing political leadership to organize and emerge. In 1923, supported by the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP, Thomas W. Fleming was elected the first-ever African American to Cleveland City Council. A few years later, three more African Americans were elected to serve on the Cleveland City Council. In 1927, Harry E. Davis was elected to serve on the Cleveland Civil Service Commission and Mary Martin Brown was elected as a member of the Cleveland City School Board. They too were the first African Americans to hold these positions.

During its first few decades, the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP fought fiercely against racism. Chapter leaders and members rallied and organized for fair housing, educational and job opportunities, and an end to segregation. The Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP filed lawsuits against theaters, restaurants and other establishments that discriminated against African Americans. Chapter members also worked diligently behind the scenes to persuade white business owners to stop discriminatory practices.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the members and leaders, past and present, of the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP as they gather to celebrate their 51st Annual Dinner. Since their formation in 1912, members have risked their lives and their livelihoods to fight for equality and tear down the walls of racism. In their quest for freedom they paved the way for a society where equal opportunity and justice exist for many as never before and where someday, will exist for all.

HONORING LAURA DESTEFANO

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laura DeStefano, the Award of Merit Winner for the 4th Congressional District’s high school art competition, “An Artistic Discovery.” An Artistic Discovery recognizes and encourages the artistic talent in the Nation, as well as in each congressional district. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Laura DeStefano, a resident of the 4th Congressional District, is currently a senior at East Meadow High School in East Meadow, New York. Ms. DeStefano offered her digital photography piece, “Where the Side Walk Ends.” Laura’s eye for beauty is certainly a testament to her achievement.

The contest in the 4th Congressional District continues to flourish and I owe it to all of the

talented students like Laura from our high schools that submitted their art to be displayed in this distinguished contest. It is essential for art programs and curricula to remain in our schools and communities. I believe that having a forum for our young people to express themselves in a creative way is extraordinarily important and I will continue to work in Congress to ensure that the arts are preserved.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children. Our community, and our Nation, is enhanced by the contributions of students like Laura DeStefano. Additionally, I would like to recognize the work of the teachers and administrators at East Meadow High School who dedicate their lives to their students. The staff is the backbone of the students’ success and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my thanks and recognition to Laura DeStefano.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER SHAWNEE
CITY COUNCILMEMBER FRANK
GOODE

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank Goode, who recently concluded 32 years of public service to the citizens of Shawnee, Kansas. In April, Frank Goode concluded a 30-year tenure as an elected member of the Shawnee City Council, which was preceded by 2 years of service on the Shawnee City Planning Commission.

On April 12, the City of Shawnee announced that it is naming the city’s Public Works Service Center after former Councilmember Goode, in recognition of his long and distinguished service to Shawnee. As Mayor Jeff Meyers said in making the announcement, “I’m sure we couldn’t find but a handful of individuals across the county who have served their community for 32 years. That kind of commitment to the community deserves recognition that a plaque could never give.”

Frank Goode grew up in Shawnee, attending St. Joseph Grade School and St. Joseph High School. He also attended Donnelly College, Rockhurst College and Finlay Engineering School. A Korean War veteran, Goode was a division sales manager for the Stuart Hall Company. He first became involved with local issues when he was appointed to the Planning Commission in 1977; in the following year, he launched his first campaign for City Council.

As Council member, Goode focused on expanding the city and improving its infrastructure, while holding the line on taxes. He was particularly supportive of tax abatements, particularly those for Bayer Animal Healthcare, which he credits with keeping that major employer in Shawnee.

Having left the Council at age 80, Frank Goode is certainly entitled to a relaxing retirement. Nonetheless, he’s still going strong, having spent the past few years also working at Goode Brothers Asphalt, a business started by his brothers at about the same time he first

was elected to the Council. I know Frank will also remain aware of and involved with local issues before the Shawnee government.

Madam Speaker, I know that you and all Members of this House join with me in paying tribute to a dedicated public servant who has been key to the growth and prosperity of Shawnee, Kansas, for the past several decades. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize former Shawnee City Council Member Frank Goode.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ORDER
OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL,
CLEVELAND CHAPTER, AND THE
149TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BIRTH OF DR. JOSE PROTACIO
RIZAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the contribution of the Cleveland Chapter of the Order of the Knights of Rizal and to honor Dr. Jose Protacio Rizal on the occasion of the 149th anniversary of his birth.

A hero of the Filipino Independence movement in the 1800s, Dr. Rizal continues to inspire. His heroic and poignant writings and efforts focused on freedom from oppression and liberty for all. He inspired and energized people beyond his native Philippines.

A young and idealistic doctor, Dr. Rizal wrote of freedom and independence from Spain. His writings soon struck a chord and he went on to found the Filipino independence movement, Luga Filipina, in Manila in 1892. By 1898, an armed struggle for independence had begun, and government officials accused Dr. Rizal of leading the charge. On the evening of December 30, 1896, Dr. Rizal was executed by firing squad in what is now known in Manila as Rizal Park. The night before his scheduled execution, he wrote the poem 'Mi Ultimo Adios,' a heart-rending and poignant expression of his love for country and people of the Philippines.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring and celebrating the life of Dr. Jose Protacio Rizal, and in recognition of the members of the Order of the Knights of Rizal, Cleveland Chapter. Dr. Jose Rizal's story is the embodiment of the innate human quest for freedom, justice and liberty.

RECOGNIZING JACOB COSTELLO
FOR EARNING THE CONGRES-
SIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jacob Costello from Wesley, Arkansas for achieving the Congressional Award Gold Medal. This prestigious award is the highest honor given to America's youth by the U.S. Congress.

The Congressional Award Program recognizes excellence and service among young

Americans who are challenged to set goals and carry through in public service, personal development and physical fitness and expedition or exploration.

Jacob had the motivation and resolve to achieve this major accomplishment; completing 400 hours of voluntary public service, 200 hours of personal development activities, 200 hours of physical fitness and 4 consecutive days and nights of an exploration or expedition.

Reflecting on his efforts and the time it took to accomplish this award, Jacob said that he "realized that personal growth can go hand-in-hand with service to others." It is refreshing to see that young Americans in my district and all across the country are working so hard to improve themselves and their communities.

I want to congratulate Jacob for his determination and dedication and encourage him to continue working towards his goals.

RECOGNIZING JAMES A.
PARETTI, JR.

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, those of us privileged to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives do not do our jobs alone. We rely on the expertise and tireless energy of staff members who share our commitment to serving our constituents and our nation. As one of my staff members prepares to depart, I recognize and applaud his years of service to this, The People's House.

James A. Paretti, Jr. first came to Capitol Hill in 1987, and has served on the staff of the Education and Labor Committee since 2003. As Workforce Policy Counsel, Jim has helped reform and modernize employment policy with the overarching goal of protecting workers and fostering innovation among American employers. As an attorney, his dedication to and understanding of the law has been the hallmark of his service.

Jim's quick wit and powerful intellect have served members of the Education and Labor Committee well. He has proven to be a deft negotiator able to put principle above party and craft legislation in the best interest of the nation. Jim's contributions to the House are many, and we wish him well as he enters the next phase of a career dedicated to upholding, interpreting, and improving the laws that affect American workers and employers.

ACKNOWLEDGING SANDRA
JAKOVljevic

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge Sandra Jakovljevic.

Sandra has been a valued district staff member of mine for the past 3 years, specializing in outreach to the Bosnian community and providing excellent customer service to my constituents.

The Bosnian community is a significant part of my district. More than 30,000 have decided to make the St. Louis area their new home, and Sandra has been an excellent liaison to my Bosnian-American constituents. Sandra has assisted many with questions about immigration processes and procedures, and has been able to help them make St. Louis and America feel more like home.

I have received many accolades from citizens all across my district who received critical assistance outstanding service from Sandra. From visa issues to emergency passport problems, Sandra went the extra mile to help resolve their problem in the most professional and timely manner possible. Many times, she came to the office very early or stayed very late to make calls across different international time zones to help bring resolution to problems, something my constituents have come to truly appreciate.

I admire Sandra for the many challenges she has overcome in her lifetime. My staff and I have learned much from Sandra, and I hope she has learned from her experience with my office as well. May Sandra enjoy success and peace with her new husband-to-be Bernard, and we wish her well as she begins this new chapter in her life. I, along with all of my staff, will miss her very much.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE AND CLARA
ZABOROWSKI ON THE OCCASION
OF THEIR 65TH WEDDING ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of George and Clara Zaborowski, as they celebrate sixty-five years of marriage and devotion to one another. On this special day, they also celebrate their family and many friends throughout the community.

George Zaborowski grew up on Cleveland's eastside and worked at White Motor Company for nearly forty years. Clara Sokolowski grew up in the Tremont neighborhood in the apartment above her parents' restaurant, the Sokolowski's University Inn. Established in 1923, the Sokolowski's University Inn remains one of Cleveland's most beloved culinary landmarks. Mr. Zaborowski joined the Marines and served his nation during World War II.

George and Clara, both of Polish heritage and fluent in Polish, met in 1941. On June 23, 1945, they wed at St. John Cantius Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Together, they lovingly raised their children—Thomas and Christine. Their shared love for each other has extended through each new generation. Their family continues to be the center of their lives, as they are close to their grandchildren, Lisa, Maureen, Kim and Jessica, as well as their great-grandchildren, Joshua, Craig, Kyle, Malcom, Cassy, Alex, Spencer and Henry.

To this day, Mr. and Mrs. Zaborowski continue to honor Polish traditions and customs, especially during the holiday season. They have instilled within their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren a sense of their family heritage.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. and

Mrs. Zaborowski, as they celebrate sixty-five years of marriage. I wish Mr. and Mrs. Zaborowski an abundance of health, happiness and peace in all of their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY
ACTIVISM OF MR. MICHAEL
SLAYMAKER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding public service of Mr. Michael Slaymaker, president of the Orlando Youth Alliance, in honor of Gay & Lesbian Pride Month. Under the direction of Mr. Slaymaker, the Orlando Youth Alliance serves to educate parents, academia, health care workers, and others about the development and diversity of sexual identity and make them more attention to the concerns and needs of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered youth.

Mr. Slaymaker moved to Central Florida in 1995 from Iowa. He graduated from Central College, Pella, Iowa, in 1983 with a bachelor of arts degree in Communications & Theatre and minor degrees in Business Management and German. In 1999, he earned his master of arts degree in Human Resources at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida.

Mr. Slaymaker has worked with numerous non-profit organizations that have contributed greatly to the Central Florida community. From 1983 through 1993, he worked for the American Heart Association, first at a field representative, then as the Special Events Director, and finally as the Director of Field Services. He successfully designed a major gifts program and increased the annual revenue generation by \$1 million and he was recognized nationally for his exceptional work. From 1995 to 1996, he served at the Executive Director for the Hope and Help Center in Central Florida, whose mission is to treat and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. Mr. Slaymaker's outstanding service continued there as he initiated many programs to benefit the people of Florida and repaired the financially troubled state of the organization. In 1998, he joined the Orlando Gay Chorus as a volunteer singer and was quickly recruited to help with fundraising. For 10 years, he served as the Development Director for the Orlando Gay Chorus, increasing their budget by more than \$150,000. In 2000, he founded the Orlando Anti-Discrimination Ordinance Committee to fight local discrimination, and has been the driving force behind this highly successful volunteer group ever since. From 2001 to 2010, he was the Human Resources & Development Director of the La Amistad Foundation, Inc., where his innovations helped enhance the quality of life for adults with chronic mental illnesses.

Currently, Mr. Slaymaker is the President of the Orlando Youth Alliance, a non-profit organization which has the vital purpose in the Central Florida community to provide a safe and nurturing environment for LGBT youth between the ages of 13 and 20. The Orlando Youth Alliance was formed in 1990 under the name "Delta Youth Alliance" as a support

group to help struggling LGBT youth. The group gathers every week to talk about their concerns and discuss issues that are important to them. Through the years, this organization has lent a hand to hundreds of Central Florida's youth and has expanded its outreach into the Orlando community. Mr. Slaymaker's exceptional efforts have helped make our Central Florida safer, our community more dynamic, and our people more conscientious. He has inspired our youth and empowered them to be proud of who they are.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Michael Slaymaker for his outstanding work and leadership both in the Gay & Lesbian community and in our Florida community as a whole. He is a fantastic community activist and a source of pride to Florida.

AGC RECOGNIZES THE BEST IN
THE INDUSTRY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Magazine of the Associated General Contractors of America proudly recognizes the new Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House and the AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre in Dallas, TX. Both buildings received an Aon Build America Award for their pioneering projects, commitment to safety, and community outreach. The one-of-a-kind 80,000-sq-ft AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre wins in the "Building New" category. Complimentary, the Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House is the grand award winner for "Construction Management New."

The eye-catching opera house is built in the center of Dallas' arts district which anchors the AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre. The complexity and stunning aesthetics of the Dallas Opera House, constructed by Linbeck Group, received AGC's highest award. This European style opera house, built at \$197 million, includes a performance hall that accommodates opera, musical theater, ballet, and many other dance forms.

One of the most visually stunning elements in the theater is the red glass wall panels that encase the performance hall. This red curtain wall is made up of a shocking 1,100 glass panels. It includes a great feature that allows three operable sections to be lowered opening the building to the outdoors.

For more than two decades these impressive awards were given to projects selected by a panel of tough critics and contractors. Now, Dallas can cheerfully accept this award and relish in their "job well done!"

IN HONOR OF THE STRONGSVILLE
VFW, POST 3345 ON THE OCCA-
SION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the veteran and auxiliary

members of Strongsville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3345, as they celebrate the Post's 75th anniversary and dedicate a Veterans Memorial on June 19, 2010.

Strongsville VFW Post 3345 was chartered on June 22, 1935 with only three members in attendance. Today, it is one of the largest VFW posts in the state with nearly 1,200 members.

Strongsville VFW Post 3345 has a legacy of community outreach and volunteer service throughout the western communities of Greater Cleveland. The members of Post 3345 have reached out to veterans and the families of military personnel, providing support and assistance wherever possible. Post 3345 provides numerous college scholarships and sponsors an annual Teacher of the Year Award. Members also volunteer thousands of hours annually for charity and at local Veterans Administration hospitals.

Members of VFW Post 3345 raised funds to construct a Veterans Memorial to publicly honor and commemorate the lives of all American soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the members of Strongsville VFW Post 3345 and all veterans for their contributions to community and country.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SAC-
RIFICE OF UNITED STATES AIR
FORCE SENIOR AIRMAN BEN-
JAMIN D. WHITE

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Air Force Senior Airman Benjamin D. White, who was killed in action on June 9, 2010.

Benjamin grew up in Johnson City, Tennessee and graduated from Science Hill High School in 2004. He attended East Tennessee State University before entering the Air Force in July 2006.

A Pararescueman assigned to the 48th Rescue Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Benjamin belonged to a highly regarded and specialized unit known throughout the military for their skills and willingness to risk their lives to save others.

The motto of Pararescue units, "That Others May Live", speaks to the dedication that Benjamin and his brothers in arms share. He perished doing what he loved, alongside other Air Force Rescue personnel, on a mission to save a British Soldier's life.

We remember Senior Airman White and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss, nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Benjamin made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

Senior Airman White is survived by his mother Brenda, father Tony and brother Mark.

This body and this country owe Benjamin and his family our deepest gratitude, and we

will today and forevermore honor and remember him and his service to our country.

SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to strongly support the right of Israel to act in self-defense, which requires the inspection of cargo going into area controlled by the terrorist organization Hamas surrounding the Gaza territory. The inspections are vital because Hamas has smuggled in thousands of rockets to attack and terrorize Israeli civilians. Hamas has clearly stated its goal is the destruction of the State of Israel and the leaders of the Gaza flotilla, particularly those on the Mavi Marmara, set out to intentionally use force to confront the blockade. If the blockade were to be broken, it would be impossible to tell which vessels were carrying humanitarian supplies and which were carrying deadly rockets.

As a sovereign nation, Israel has the right to protect its people from the threat of terrorism. Israel warned the boats that they were in violation of a lawful blockade and offered them an alternative where the humanitarian aid would be off-loaded and delivered to Gaza. The flotilla, however, insisted on attempting to circumvent the blockade because their primary motivation was confrontation.

Israel is a long-standing democratic ally of the United States. We must stand with Israel and defend their right to defend the Israeli people.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, today marks the one year anniversary of the enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. I was proud to have partnered with Representative HENRY WAXMAN in introducing this bill and seeing its passage through the House of Representatives.

The Family Smoking Prevention and Control Act took important steps to educate the American public about the harmful effects of tobacco-use. The law provides the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with the authority to regulate tobacco products and ensures that these products are not advertised or sold to children.

While many of the provisions of this law are still being implemented by the FDA, a number of important changes have already taken place. For example, a ban on flavored cigarettes is now being enforced. Cigarettes with flavors such as strawberry and lemon were clearly marketed toward children and lured young adults into trying their first cigarette.

In addition, tobacco companies are now prohibited from sponsoring athletic and cultural

events, which are widely attended and viewed by millions of children each year. No longer will a child's favorite race car driver be covered in tobacco ads nor will a favorite baseball player hit a homerun over a large cigarette banner.

The FDA has also begun enforcing the prohibition of vending machines that sell tobacco products in settings in which children are present. Vending machines served as an easy way for minors to access tobacco products since no age verification is present. Because the vast majority of all smokers try their first cigarette between the ages of twelve and twenty, these important changes will go a long way toward preventing children from trying their first cigarette, and becoming smokers as adults.

Thus far, the FDA has moved expeditiously in their implementation of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. I hope that they will continue their efforts to discourage our nation's young people from smoking and educate them of the harmful effects of tobacco use. For too long tobacco companies have targeted our nation's children through cartoon ads, event sponsorship, and free merchandise. I am confident that the continued implementation of this law will lead to generations of fewer tobacco-addicted youth.

HONORING ATHLETE AND HUMANITARIAN MANUTE BOL

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sudanese athlete and humanitarian Manute Bol, who sadly passed away on June 19, 2010, at the age of 47.

Seven-foot 7-inches tall, Manute Bol joined the National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1985 with the Washington Bullets, after catching the eye of an American basketball coach working in Sudan. When he arrived in the United States, he didn't speak any English and hadn't completed any schooling beyond a basic elementary level. His exceptional height and shot blocking ability made him an instant hit in the NBA, and, in addition to two stints with Washington, his 10-year career took him to Golden State, Philadelphia and Miami. He twice led the league in the number of blocked shots per game and shares the record as the tallest person to ever play in the NBA.

While many undoubtedly knew Mr. Bol due to his prowess on the basketball court, he was perhaps most proud of the humanitarian work he did to help his native Sudan. In 2007, after relocating to Olathe, Kansas, Mr. Bol partnered with a Kansas-based relief organization, Sudan Sunrise, to help educate and improve living conditions for children in Sudan. He pledged money and support to help construct a school in his native Turalei, Sudan, which was partially completed in January 2010, and now serves 300 children a day.

Ravaged by prolonged civil wars, Sudan lacks many of the basic services that you and I take for granted. Eighty-five percent of the population in Southern Sudan is illiterate. Only about seven percent of teachers in the southern part of the country have any professional

training, and it is not uncommon to visit a school where the teachers themselves have not been educated beyond fourth grade. Drawing from his own experiences and struggles due to a lack of basic education as a young man, Mr. Bol came to place a high value on learning. He felt that one of the keys to peace in Sudan is education for its children, and dedicated his life to improving the educational opportunities in his native country.

While Mr. Bol was helping Sudan make significant strides in its education system, it is clear that there is still much work to be done. It is my hope that we in Congress, and others across the globe, are inspired by the work of Manute Bol to help children in Sudan and that together, we continue the mission he has begun.

IN RECOGNITION OF BUD AND SHERRY GRINSTEAD'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Bud and Sherry Grinstead.

Bud Grinstead of Gary, IN, and Sherry Ryzenga of Holland, MI, met at Bryan University in Dayton, TN. In September of 1959, the couple transferred to Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

On June 4, 1960, Bud and Sherry were married at Rose Park Baptist Church in Sherry's hometown by Revs. Garland Cofield and James Gurley. After college graduation in June of 1962, the couple moved to Jacksonville, Florida to serve at Victory Baptist Church where their first two children were born. On May 26, 1965, Bud was ordained as a Baptist minister.

The family relocated to Oxford, Alabama in 1969 where Bud served as minister of music and taught the young adult class at Trinity Baptist Church. Their third child was born in 1970. That same year, Bud started Trinity Christian Academy (TCA). The school added a grade each year until their first graduating class graduated in 1979. Bud also started a radio broadcast in 1979. During their time at Trinity, Sherry taught piano lessons and a music class.

In 1975, the family joined the Tom Williams Evangelistic Team and traveled from church to church ministering to all. In 1978, they moved back to Oxford to serve at Trinity Baptist Church and in 1980, Bud accepted the position of pastor. The radio station, WTBJ, aired for the first time in 1994. Bud has ministered in every continent of the world except Antarctica and Sherry has taught full time at TCA for 28 years and is retiring this year.

Bud and Sherry have three children: Debbie, Darryl and Dawn and nine grandchildren. A reception in their honor will be held on June 26th at Trinity Baptist Church.

I salute my friends, Bud and Sherry, on the 50th year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
KARL ERTL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Karl Ertle, whose dedication has helped improve the education and opportunities for hundreds of young women and men throughout southeast Cleveland, Ohio, and beyond.

Mr. Ertle has been the President and Principal of Cleveland Central Catholic High School, an urban high school located in the Slavic Village neighborhood, since 2004. He has turned the school around, managing a \$13 million capital improvement program and overseeing an increase in enrolment of more than forty percent.

Mr. Ertle grew up in the Cleveland area. He studied at St. Ignatius High School and then later began his teaching career there. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Borromeo College and a master's degree in religious studies from John Carroll University. Between 1983 and 2004 he performed a number of different roles at St. Ignatius, including theology teacher, director of admissions, assistant principal for student services, and vice president of the Mission of St. Ignatius.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Karl Ertle on the occasion of his retirement. He has continuously and unstintingly served the young people of Cleveland, displaying integrity, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to bettering the lives of countless students. I wish Mr. Ertle, his wife Carol, and his children: Tim, Katie, Mary, Annie, Danny and Joe, health, peace and happiness.

CONGRATULATING THE
NEEDVILLE LADY BLUE JAYS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Needville Lady Blue Jays on an outstanding season. The Lady Blue Jays fought hard giving it everything they had, but lost a heartbreaking game in the bottom of the 11th inning in the Texas 3A semifinal matchup.

Although they did not clinch the title, these athletes have shown they have the dedication, determination, and drive to reach their goals. I know these ladies are the pride of their school and community. The Needville Lady Blue Jays' demonstrate excellence in both academics and athletics, and I applaud them on a great season.

HONORING DANIELLE FUENTES

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Danielle

Fuentes, the Award of Achievement Winner for the 4th Congressional District's high school art competition, "An Artistic Discovery." An Artistic Discovery recognizes and encourages the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each congressional district. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Danielle Fuentes, a resident of the 4th Congressional District, is currently a senior at Oceanside High School in Oceanside, New York. Ms. Fuentes offered her piece called "Dead Ringer", which was a pencil still life. Danielle's eye for beauty and shadowing skills are certainly a testament to her achievement.

The contest in the 4th Congressional District continues to flourish and I owe it to all of the talented students like Danielle from our high schools that submitted their art to be displayed in this distinguished contest. It is essential for art programs and curricula to remain in our schools and communities. I believe that having a forum for our young people to express themselves in a creative way is extraordinarily important and I will continue to work in Congress to ensure that the arts are preserved.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children. Our community, and our nation, is enhanced by the contributions of students like Danielle Fuentes. Additionally, I would like to recognize the work of the teachers and administrators at Oceanside High School who dedicate their lives to their students. The staff is the backbone of the students' success and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my thanks and recognition to Danielle Fuentes.

TRIBUTE TO SCAPPOOSE HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Scappoose High School on winning the Oregon School Activities Association's, OSAA, 4A boys baseball championship. Scappoose finished their season with 22 wins and six losses, beating top-ranked Astoria High School 2-1 in eight innings on June 5, 2010, to capture their first State championship since 1982.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Principal Eric Clendenin, Athletic Director Jim Jones, Head Coach Robert Medley, Assistant Coaches Joe Girres, Matt Bailey, and Neal Lordos, and all of the Scappoose Indians—Cody Backus, Brandon Bernardi, Dillion Davidson, Aaron Egger, Austin Egger, Willy Fouts, Cory Hendryx, Torin Huff, Nathan Kranyak, DJ Maloney, Tanner Meyer, Brad Morrison, Chris Neifert, Nick Paxton, Paul Revis, Jason Sawyer, Max Updike, and Jacob Watt—for winning the OSAA 4A boys baseball championship.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution honoring National Pollinator Week, which takes place from June 21 to 27, 2010. It is my pleasure to announce that with the leadership of the Pollinator Partnership, a majority of States as well as a number of federal agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, have officially recognized the occasion to reflect upon the importance of and challenges facing these species vital to our ecosystem and agriculture.

Responsible for almost \$20 billion worth of products in the United States alone, an estimated one-third of all food and beverages is derived from pollinators. With 75 percent of all flowering plant species relying on animals like birds, bees, bats, and butterflies as the vehicle for transferring pollen for fertilization, there is no escaping the fact that pollinators are essential not just for plants, but for the sustainability and security of our food supply.

Because new threats are emerging against these animals all the time, we should use National Pollinator Week to learn about how to help protect and encourage pollinators' growth and survival. There are many things we can do. For example, we can plant a garden with native flowering plants supplying pollinators with nectar, pollen and homes as well as work to minimize pollution and use of chemicals that contaminate their habitats. We can also educate our friends on the importance of pollinators and can learn even more from the Pollinator Partnership's Web site, which can be found at www.pollinator.org.

Madam Speaker, National Pollinator Week provides us an opportunity to recognize how important pollinators are to the sustainability of our environment. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
DOROTHY MANN

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dorothy Mann and celebrate her retirement after 33 years as the bold and visionary Executive Director of the Family Planning Council in Philadelphia.

The Family Planning Council administers all public funds for family planning services in the five-country Philadelphia region. Under Dorothy's leadership, the Council worked to prevent teen pregnancy, HIV infection and other STDs; to provide care to HIV positive women, children and families; and to provide breast and cervical cancer screening programs for uninsured women and so much more. In 2008, the Council served 145,000 patients, and in 2009 was the 6th largest provider of Title X family planning services in the nation.

Dorothy has worked tirelessly to improve reproductive health care for women and men in the United States. Beginning as a family planning outreach worker in California, she went on to play a key role in the development of groundbreaking research paving the way for the Title X Family Planning program we know today.

Arriving in Pennsylvania in the early 1970's, Ms. Mann was instrumental in opening the first federally funded family planning programs in the Commonwealth. A tenacious advocate, Dorothy Mann took her leadership to a national level where she testified before Congress and served on two Institute of Medicine panels about the importance of preventing STIs and the perinatal transmission of HIV. In addition, Ms. Mann is a founding member and former Board President of National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRA) and the AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families.

On personal note, I am grateful to be among those with the honor of calling Dorothy Mann a colleague and a friend. We have spent many years working closely together, and I am very proud of our work.

Today we recognize the achievements of Dorothy Mann and her preeminent career in the field of public health. She has done vital work to advance the Title X Family Planning Program and promote the critical link between preventive health care and opportunity for women are the hallmarks of her career.

COMMENDING THE HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H. Res 1357, a resolution congratulating the Hollywood Walk of Fame on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

The star-studded sidewalks at Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street are an iconic symbol of the American entertainment industry. First envisioned by former Hollywood Chamber of Commerce President E.M. Stuart, the Hollywood Walk of Fame today prominently fulfills its mission to maintain "the glory of a community whose name means glamour and excitement in the four corners of the world."

Since its inception in 1960, over 2,000 individuals have been awarded stars on the walk in the categories of motion picture, television, music, radio broadcasting, and theater. Individually, these stars honor the talents and extraordinary achievements of artists as varied as Sidney Poitier, Carol Burnett, Elvis Presley, Gloria Estefan and Bob Hope. Collectively, the Hollywood Walk of Fame celebrates an entertainment industry that is an engine of creativity and ingenuity and an emblem of American culture at home and abroad.

Today, our Nation is proud to honor the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which attracts an estimated 10 million visitors a year, and its development as a lively hub for tourism and a thriving monument. It is most certainly a destination worth visiting and commemorating.

HONORING DR. JAMES "JEFF" KIMPEL

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, it is unusual that America has an opportunity to thank an individual citizen for his contributions to protecting lives and property of our citizens, but in the case of Dr. James "Jeff" Kimpel, the Director of NOAA's Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Oklahoma, we have just this kind of individual tirelessly dedicated to improving the research and development of weather and meteorology programs. Jeff Kimpel is now retiring on June 18 to spend more time with his 5 children and 2 grandchildren in Norman, Oklahoma.

During his last 13 years of federal service Jeff Kimpel has served the nation by working to improve the lead-time and accuracy of severe weather forecasts and weather warnings in order to save the lives of many Americans and to save property from being destroyed. In the state of Oklahoma, severe weather is a massive problem, and accurate estimates of the true threats from severe weather are especially of interest to not just our state, but to a wide range of users. This includes weather forecasters, the insurance industry, emergency management communities and the general public. Dr. Kimpel has worked with the NSSL and was able to establish strong programs that have helped speed up the construction of the National Weather Center building, which is shared with the National Weather Service (NWS), and the University of Oklahoma Meteorology Program.

Dr. Kimpel has been a pioneer in the field of technology and meteorology. The NSSL has been able to expound on many programs to enhance their technology, all under the watch of Dr. Kimpel. The NSSL has performed research that has led to the upgrade of NEXRADs (NEXt generation weather RADar) from propriety to open systems, which also added super resolution capability and designed dual polarization upgrades.

As a long serving member of the House of Science and Technology Committee, I commend the work of Dr. Jeff Kimpel and recognize his outstanding science related positions including President of the American Meteorological Society, National Science Foundation positions, Department of Energy, and a participant in major decision making policy in the environmental, and meteorological and atmospheric areas for NOAA and other government agencies. Dr. Kimpel was instrumental in establishing support for NSSL that led to the construction of a magnificent national weather center building shared with the National Weather Service and the University of Oklahoma's meteorology program. He is truly one of the world's foremost authorities on severe weather including tornados, thunderstorms, hail, strong winds, heavy rainfall, ice storms, flooding and winter storms who has explored new technologies during his career for using weather information to assist government forecasters and federal, university, and private sector partners.

Today we would like to thank you for your service and dedication, and for all the work

that you have put in. Thank you and best of luck with all your future undertakings.

HONORING SERGEANT DONALD LAMAR, USMC

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a United States Marine who serves as an example of courage and patriotism to us all. Sergeant Donald J. Lamar II, of the United States Marine Corps, recently gave the last full measure of devotion and sacrifice for our beloved nation while supporting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. Men such as Sergeant Lamar epitomize the core value of selfless service that we all hold so dear in the United States, and especially in the United States Marine Corps.

Sergeant Lamar grew up in Stafford County, Virginia, and graduated from Stafford High School in 2004. There, he was known by his teachers, coaches, and friends as a well-rounded leader who excelled in sports, particularly wrestling and football. After graduation, Sergeant Lamar joined the Marine Corps and was assigned to the First Battalion, Second Marine Regiment, Second Marine Division, of the Second Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Although already among America's elite fighting force as an infantryman, Sergeant Lamar chose to be part of an even more exclusive group—Marine Sniper. He stood out at every opportunity and always gave his utmost.

Sergeant Lamar's awards at the time of his deployment included the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal. To add to his list of accolades, he was recently meritoriously promoted to Sergeant, a unique and fitting distinction for a combat-proven leader of Sergeant Lamar's caliber.

A man of character and fortitude, Sergeant Lamar bravely served two combat tours in Iraq. He was most recently serving his third combat tour in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan, where fierce fighting was taking place daily during 2010. Tragically, on May 12th, 2010, Sergeant Lamar exhibited the ultimate sacrifice for his country, family, and friends while engaged in combat operations there. His leadership in the Marine Corps and his local community will not be forgotten.

I extend to Sergeant Lamar's entire family my sincere condolences and deep appreciation for their sacrifices and service to our nation. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Lamar, and daughter, Madison; his parents, Don and Coleen Lamar; and two younger brothers. The liberties and freedoms we enjoy here in the United States are in place because of brave and courageous men such as Sergeant Lamar who routinely answer the call to duty and place sacrifice above self. We are eternally grateful to him and his family for their service to our nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAKING
WORK AND MARRIAGE PAY ACT**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing the Making Work and Marriage Pay Act of 2010. This legislation will establish a bipartisan commission to study the negative impact that high effective marginal rates can have on families as they attempt to improve their circumstances through work or marriage. The National Commission on Effective Marginal Tax Rates for Low-Income Families would provide an important opportunity for removing the disincentives that hold many back, in spite of their personal efforts to get ahead.

Federal and state governments provide financial assistance to low-income families through many means-tested programs and a variety of income tax credits. Each of these benefits is income-based, and as income rises benefits are reduced through phase-outs. These reductions occur at various earnings levels and on differing schedules.

While it is appropriate for benefits to be withdrawn as family income increases, little thought has been given to the combined impact on behavior of these multiple phase-outs. Different programs are created within separate Congressional committees and are implemented by assorted federal and state agencies. No one entity has the authority to consider our vast system as a whole. The Commission established under this Act would be given this task and charged with the responsibility to propose a legislative package to remove the disincentives to work and marriage that these high effective marginal rates impose.

Marginal rates matter. Economists have long contended that high tax rates affect the investment decisions of affluent individuals. People at all income levels, however, respond rationally to economic incentives and disincentives. If we want people to work their way into the middle class, we need to change a system which says that if you're poor and you struggle to earn a higher income, you won't be able to keep enough of it to make it all seem really worthwhile.

I have looked at the impact these marginal rates have on a typical single mother with two children living in Wisconsin. From \$17,000 to \$40,000 in earnings, this single parent would experience combined effective marginal tax rates in excess of 50 percent—averaging 59 percent between \$24,000 and \$41,000. At lower income levels, she even approaches a rate of 100 percent. Putting this into perspective, the U.S. corporate tax rate is 35 percent (one of the highest in the industrialized world). The highest U.S. income tax rate for individuals is also 35 percent.

Thus, for every dollar of new income earned by increased effort or the acquisition of new skills, this single mother finds herself only incrementally ahead and, perhaps, wondering whether her hard work is being justly rewarded. Despite the good intentions, these programs, in effect, offer no incentive to get ahead. Rather, the incentives are backwards and low-income workers often are encouraged to stay where they are.

The same dynamic can also affect an individual's decision whether to marry. Experts

from across the political divide agree that marriage is good. Government policy, however, as enacted in this assortment of programs and phase-outs actually discourages marriage among low-income couples.

Varying benefit levels across the fifty states produce different results, but in Wisconsin, for a married couple with two children, the marriage penalty starts rising from about zero at \$19,000 of combined income to \$7,000 in after-tax income at \$28,000 of combined earnings, which is what you get if two people earn minimum wage. At \$42,000, the cost of being married reaches \$8,154. That's a high price for a marriage license.

This penalty results from the high effective marginal tax rates produced by taxes and the phaseout of various benefit programs. As income rises, taxes go up and benefits go down. The couple that has combined their lives and their income sees a steeper loss of income than does the comparable couple that has remained unmarried. If marriage is a recognized good for both society and the individual couples, then government policy should not stand in the way of people choosing to marry.

It's time that Congress rationalizes this web of programs to ensure that hard work brings rewards by removing the punishingly high effective marginal tax rates faced by low-income individuals and families.

This is why I am introducing the Making Work and Marriage Pay Act.

My bill would authorize a Commission made up of Cabinet Secretaries, Governors, and recognized policy experts to recommend solutions for the problems posed by these high effective marginal tax rates. The Commission would be constructed to achieve partisan balance, input from states offering a varying level of income support, and expert participation from government and private sector experts.

The Commission would be charged with seeking a solution along certain policy lines, but would have full authority to offer additional policy recommendations. The Commission's recommendations would be in the form of a legislative blueprint to ease consideration of its comprehensive solution by the wide range of Congressional committees.

For too long, Congress has neglected to clean up the mess of uncoordinated federal benefit programs. The Making Work and Marriage Pay Act is the first step toward a benefit structure that rewards work and effort and reflects our shared belief that marriage is the basis of stable communities. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

HONORING TIMBERLY DINGLAS

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Timberly Dinglas, the Award of Achievement Winner for the 4th Congressional District's high school art competition, "An Artistic Discovery." An Artistic Discovery recognizes and encourages the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each congressional district. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encour-

age and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Timberly Dinglas, a resident of the 4th Congressional District, is currently a junior at Valley Stream South High School in Valley Stream, New York. Ms. Dinglas offered her piece called "The Black Eye", which was a colored pencil portrait of a young man with a black eye. Timberly's eye for color and blending skills are evident in this piece and are certainly a testament to her achievement.

The contest in the 4th Congressional District continues to flourish and I owe it to all of the talented students like Timberly from our high schools that submitted their art to be displayed in this distinguished contest. It is essential for art programs and curricula to remain in our schools and communities. I believe that having a forum for our young people to express themselves in a creative way is extraordinarily important and I will continue to work in Congress to ensure that the arts are preserved.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children. Our community, and our nation, are enhanced by the contributions of students like Timberly Dinglas. Additionally, I would like to recognize the work of the teachers and administrators at Valley Stream South High School who dedicate their lives to their students. The staff is the backbone of the students' success and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my thanks and recognition to Timberly Dinglas.

CONGRATULATING THE CLEMENTS
RANGERS**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Clements Rangers Baseball team on an outstanding season. They were the Region 3 Champions which qualified them for 5A Texas finals.

I congratulate their coach, Israel De Los Santos, for his steering the team to this successful season. The Rangers made their community and school very proud through their play. I wish their seniors Brian Heathcoat, Dillon Huff, Ryan Berger, Kenny Hutchison, Tyler Kruse, Andrew Riddle, Matthew Sugar, Scott Ballard, John Stanford, and Mike Garcia the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
RICHARD BURTON**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Richard Allyn Burton and the contributions he has made to our nation. Mr. Burton, born to Clarence and Fern Burton in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, is a shining example for future generations to follow.

Mr. Burton came to California during the Great Depression with his four brothers and

mother in search of work. Denied access at the state line, they made the arduous journey back to Missouri, yet upon their return they received word that Richard's uncle had found work for them in Escondido, California. After making the trip once again, the Burton family settled down in Escondido.

Upon the United States' entry into World War II, the Burtons answered the call to service and all four brothers enlisted in the military. After completing basic training and 16 weeks of "A" School to become an Electrician's Mate, Mr. Burton served with Task Forces 92 and 94 in the North Pacific supporting offensive operations against the Japanese. He then passed through the Panama Canal and supported operations in the Caribbean. Upon his separation from the military, Mr. Burton had been awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with a bronze star), the American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

After returning from the war, Richard married Ms. Eloise Flanders of Escondido, and the two enjoyed 53 years of marriage. They raised two children, two grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Mr. Burton is the epitome of what we now refer to as the "Greatest Generation." He served his country well in her time of need, and he has exemplified the hard work and determination that makes America great.

HONORING SUZANNE M.
OVERDORF

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Overdorf for her years of service as a devoted teacher, wife, mother and influential community member. Sue deserves the utmost admiration for her service as a dedicated mentor and role model to the youth of the community. As Sue's friend, I am honored to recognize her many achievements.

Suzanne Mae Fox was born on April 11, 1943 in South Buffalo, New York. She began her education at St. Thomas Aquinas elementary school, later graduating from Mount Mercy Academy in 1960. Sue went on to study at Buffalo State College for two years before beginning her teaching career at St. Bonaventure Elementary School. Sue continued on the path toward teaching excellence when she pursued her degree in education at St. Rose College in Albany, graduating summa cum laude in 1979.

Sue married her high school sweetheart Ted "Ozzie" Overdorf 46 years ago. While living in Lansing, Michigan they began their family which continued to grow when they relocated to Albany. In 1979 Sue, Ted and their six children moved back to their hometown of Hamburg, New York where Sue taught and coordinated CCD at St. Peter and Paul Parish and Nativity Parish in Orchard Park. The Overdorf family grew with the addition of 2 more children and in 1993, now the mother of eight, Sue continued her teaching career at Mount Mercy Academy and Bishop Timon St. Jude High School. Sue demonstrated great love and dedication to her roots by teaching the

young men and women in the neighborhood where she was raised. One year later, Sue became a religion instructor and senior class moderator at Bishop Timon St. Jude High School. Sue was a beloved and respected teacher who served as a role model and spiritual guide for her students. She retired on December 1, 2009, after 16 years of devotion.

Sue continually went above and beyond the norm during her teaching career. She found time while raising a family of eight children to found the Peace Club and the Thanksgiving for Others and Christmas for Others programs at Bishop Timon St. Jude High School. There, she was also awarded the Franciscan award twice and was received into the Franciscan Order Holy Name Province as an affiliate.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Sue Overdorf for her service as a devoted teacher, counselor, friend, wife and mother, excelling in all areas. Sue was a guide as a religious educator to her students, and also showed her values through her charitable and extracurricular activities. Her involvement in community life benefitted everyone around her. It is my honor to congratulate Sue Overdorf, a woman I am pleased to call my friend, for a career filled with such accomplishments.

HONORING THE AIR FORCE
THUNDERBIRDS

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the long and dedicated service of the United States Air Force Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Team and to commend its latest of many visits to Duluth, Minnesota, in my Congressional District.

The theme for the 2010 Duluth Air Show is "Generations"—the generations of aircraft and American men and women who have flown them for more than a century. No other unit reflects this theme more than the Thunderbirds, who have captivating audiences with their precise, intricate aerial performances for half of a century. The Air Force Thunderbirds truly span generations, with thousands of pilots and many different aircraft, from the F-84 Thunderstreak to the current F-16 Fighting Falcon. Since 1953, the pilots and support crew of the Thunderbirds have displayed unparalleled professionalism, dedication, patriotism and ability. Their commitment to the communities they visit is unmatched. Whether on the ground or in the air, the Thunderbirds bring great credit to themselves, the Air Force and the United States.

On behalf of the millions of people who have witnessed the Thunderbirds' extraordinary flight demonstrations, I wish to offer my hearty thank you to the men and women in the unit and acknowledge their service to our great nation.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE TERRY D.
LEWIS OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor the memory of one of Fort Worth's most respected and active community leaders, Judge Terry D. Lewis. Judge Lewis worked his entire life supporting his family, serving God and the Fort Worth community for which he cared so deeply.

Terry D. Lewis was the 4th child of 10, graduating from Dunbar High School in 1969, where he was an Honor Student, receiving the National Merit Achievement Award at graduation. While he was there, he was a member of the Charles L. Scott Jazz Band, on the debate team, four-year letterman in football, and Vice President of the Student Council. He was recruited to go to the University of Chicago by a former Dunbar student, Dr. Calvin Lee Dixon. He attended the University of Chicago for four years and graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. While at the University of Chicago, he was a member of the school wrestling team, and developed a passion for the martial arts. From there, he became a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he was twice promoted before leaving active duty in 1976. While serving as a Marine Corps Officer, he participated in the evacuations of both Saigon and Cambodia.

After leaving the Marine Corps, Terry went to work in the business world. He worked for Johnson & Johnson, Xerox, and Jewel Food Stores prior to finding his calling of working with juvenile delinquents and emotionally disturbed teenagers in Chicago.

In 1987, while holding a full-time position and raising a family, he attended Chicago-Kent School of Law and served on the Law Review Committee, receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1991, and being honored with the Golden Gavel Award from his graduating law class for his publications and volunteerism while in law school. He was then employed by the Office of Cook County Public Defender, where he specialized in law concerning the abuse and neglect of children.

Upon moving home to Fort Worth in 1995, he acquired his license to practice law in the State of Texas, and worked with his brother, the Honorable Glenn Lewis and the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office. At the time of his death, he was serving as a Municipal Court Judge with the City of Fort Worth, where he was perhaps most proud of his efforts to match homeless people who appeared before him with social service programs. As recently as June 4, 2010, he is said to have written in an email to his colleagues:

Some people share the socio-political philosophy that government should not or cannot afford to help those on the lower economic rungs of our social ladder . . . Then there are those of us who believe that government cannot afford to neglect them. We all share this City whether our income is considerable or nil. Fort Worth Star-Telegram (June 16, 2010).

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to remember Judge Terry Lewis for his legacy and service to the city of Fort Worth and specifically the community in which

he was raised. Judge Lewis' indomitable spirit will always live here among those whom he has touched. We have been honored to have had the grace of his presence in our lives. As we stand today to celebrate the extraordinary life of this extraordinary man, I am proud to have represented such an outstanding citizen from the 26th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING JORGE J. LAMBRINOS
FOR MORE THAN 38 YEARS OF
SERVICE ON BEHALF OF OLDER
AMERICANS AND ON THE OCCA-
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA ROYBAL INSTITUTE
ON AGING

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jorge J. Lambrinos, founding director of the University of Southern California (USC) Roybal Institute on Aging, who is retiring this month after more than 38 years of working in and out of government on behalf of older Americans.

Jorge was born in Panama City, Panama and arrived to this country at the age of 11 speaking no English. He fondly recalls his first job, at age 12, shining shoes in the barber-shop where his father worked. From then on, Jorge's strong work ethic and love for our country motivated him on a non-stop mission in pursuit of the American Dream—not only for himself but for our nation's elderly as well.

Jorge first got involved in advocating for seniors as Director of Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development. There, he was instrumental in getting the City of Detroit to establish a senior center in the Latino community of southwest Detroit. Jorge's leadership in his adopted hometown led to a prestigious fellowship opportunity in our nation's capital. As one of 10 national Health, Education, and Welfare Fellows, Jorge worked under Arthur S. Flemming, the U.S. Commissioner on Aging at the Administration on Aging.

After his one-year fellowship ended, Jorge became director of the U.S. Administration on Aging's Executive Secretariat and Special Assistant to the Commissioner on Aging. During that time, as an advisor to Commissioner Flemming, Jorge played a key role in the establishment of four national minority aging organizations. He also worked to ensure that minority communities had a voice in the emerging field of gerontology.

Building on this area of expertise, in 1977, Jorge joined my father, Congressman Edward R. Roybal, as Director of the Subcommittee on Housing and Consumer Interests of the House Select Committee on Aging. During that time, Jorge guided the development of the Congregate Housing Services legislation signed into law by President Jimmy Carter, which authorizes all Sec. 202 senior housing to provide temporary supportive services to ailing residents. When my father became chair of the full Committee on Aging, Jorge served as the full committee's staff director—becoming one of the first Latino staffers to hold such a position.

Several years later, Jorge then moved on to become my father's Chief of Staff. Together, they worked to address many critical priorities for older Americans, including the availability of congregate meals and stepping up research initiatives into the aging process as well as Alzheimer's disease and diabetes. Jorge is particularly proud of his work with my father to strengthen the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Jorge was integral in the formation of the Roybal Institute on Applied Gerontology. In my father's last few years in office, seniors from East Los Angeles petitioned California State University Los Angeles to establish an endowed chair in Congressman Roybal's name. Jorge's strategic recommendations resulted in the establishment of the Edward R. Roybal Foundation and the creation of the Institute.

After my father's retirement in 1993, Jorge joined him at Cal State Los Angeles and became the first full time director of the Roybal Institute. He was responsible for the management of several health promotion and disease prevention projects, including a collaborative research project with the CDC to determine the levels of older adult vaccinations in the Latino community of East Los Angeles. He also collaborated with USC's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center to translate findings from its clinical trials research to community application. In addition, Jorge was the Principal Investigator of a project funded by the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine to develop interventions to reduce the incidence of falls and injuries among older adults. Jorge moved with the center from Cal State LA to its new home at the University of Southern California in 2006.

Jorge Lambrinos has received numerous awards and appointments, including being named as one of the "Top 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S." by Hispanic Business Magazine. He has served as a member of the National Advisory Council of the National Institute on Aging, the California Commission on Aging and the Executive Council of AARP California, where he continues to serve as health policy advisor.

In addition to his work in public service, Jorge's dedication to our country is also evident through his distinguished military service. A graduate of the U.S. Army War College and a decorated Bronze Star Gulf War veteran, Jorge retired as a Lt. Colonel after 27 years of military service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Jorge's long record of service to our country. His significant contributions have made life healthier and more just for older Americans from all walks of life and I wish him many more years of fulfillment and success in retirement.

SALUTING ELDER GOLDWIRE
MCLENDON, PHILADELPHIA'S
PREMIER GOSPEL SINGER

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, an incredibly talented Gospel singer from Philadelphia has been sharing his gift with a national audience through "Sunday Best," the BET network's closely watched gospel singing competition.

The results were announced this Sunday, and our own Elder Goldwire McLendon was selected as runner-up to a young lady from Florida, LeAndria Johnson. Elder McLendon's many, many fans in Philadelphia and across the nation may be mildly disappointed, but they are immensely proud of the man, his powerful voice and his faith.

Annette John-Hall, a talented writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, captured the drama and the impact of this remarkable man and his quest, in her column in today's newspaper. I share her column and extend my congratulations to this Philadelphia Gospel superstar.

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer, June 22, 2010]

AT 79, ELDER MCLENDON SHARES THE GIFT OF
HIS VOICE

(By Annette John-Hall)

All you have to do is watch the audience react to Elder Goldwire McLendon every time he sings to understand the profound impact he has.

People get choked up. Some weep outright. Heck, just watching him perform on YouTube puts a lump in your throat.

See, McLendon sings gospel. And he has for, oh, 70 years, ever since he was 9 and singing in Sunday school in Jacksonville, Fla., his hometown.

He has sung in prisons, in concert halls, and at his own place of worship, Mount Olive Baptist Church in Philadelphia, where he has ministered for 40 years.

But it wasn't until McLendon decided to audition for Sunday Best, BET's gospel singing competition, that the whole nation understood just how remarkable his gift was.

At 79, McLendon was easily the oldest contestant by at least 30 years. And yes, he'd sometimes forget the lyrics.

But his life experience came through whenever he hit the stage. After a typically moving performance early in the competition, judge Tina Campbell of Mary Mary, the gospel sister duo, told McLendon: "You got a standing ovation from God. He's all over you."

Outsinging a field of 20, McLendon made it all the way to Sunday's finals before losing to 27-year-old powerhouse LeAndria Johnson.

But it didn't matter. What matters is that now, in the winter of his life, McLendon's season is finally here.

GIFT FROM GOD

Call it what you want. Wisdom. Talent. Showmanship.

McLendon chooses to credit his gift and the effect it has to a higher power.

"The Lord set me up and used me," he said before performing in concert with other Sunday Best contestants at New Covenant Church of Philadelphia Saturday.

He almost didn't allow himself to be used. "Do you know how old I am?" he'd ask his children when they'd urge him to audition.

Never comfortable in a crowd, McLendon could easily have taken one look at the hundreds of hopefuls at the Convention Center audition on that cold March morning and said, "I don't want to be bothered with all of those people," says his daughter-in-law, Karen McLendon, 56. But she says he stuck it out because of "the prodding from the Lord."

Possessing a silky smooth tenor reminiscent of Sam Cooke, with a smidgen of James Cleveland's thunder thrown in, McLendon sang as a soloist in the Savettes Choral Ensemble and the Brockington Choral Ensemble in the '60s and '70s. He was ordained as a minister in 1978 and pastored St. James Holy Church in Tennille, Ga., for 16 years before reuniting with his family—five children, 15 grands and 14 great-grands—in Philly.

They all sing, but Pops, as his family lovingly calls him, is arguably the best. There's just something about him.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

"Not only is he anointed, but his [life] experience has to do with his being anointed," says Orlando Wright, who placed third in the competition. "All these years, he's been faithful—not perfect—but faithful, and God has to honor that."

McLendon is enjoying a national recognition he had never known before. He's in the midst of a 40-city tour featuring Sunday Best contestants, where he's the headliner. He gets fan mail every day from viewers inspired to go back to church or pursue a passion late in life because of him.

McLendon's only regret is that Ruth, his wife of 59 years, is in the final stages of Alzheimer's disease and cannot enjoy his season with him. He has cared for her since 2003.

"Beautiful high soprano," he says of his wife's voice. "She wrote music, and we used to harmonize all the time. . . . I'm trying to control myself talking about her."

Still, despite personal heartache, there's much to enjoy—and be thankful for.

"It ain't over," he says, "till God says it's over."

LA-Z-BOY SOUTH COMMEMORATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, on June 16, 2010, employees, retirees and the company leadership of La-Z-Boy South celebrated 50 years of production. La-Z-Boy founders, Edward M. Knabusch and Edwin J. Shoemaker opened the Newton, Mississippi plant in 1960 when they were seeking to expand production. The Newton facility has grown to 800,000 square feet from the original 60,000 when the plant officially opened. The company credits this half century of success to the men and women of the La-Z-Boy family and to the support they have received from the Newton community.

Founded in Monroe, Michigan, Newton, Mississippi was selected as the first out-of-state plant because of the friendly people and the city's access to raw materials. The first recliner was produced on June 6, 1960, and was raffled off during the opening of a local supermarket. Since that time, La-Z-Boy South has celebrated many milestones including the December 9, 1980 production of its three-millionth chair and the September 17, 2003 production of its 10-millionth chair. Now employing 600 Newton-area residents, the Mississippi facility produces over one hundred different styles of furniture and custom-builds 1,100 pieces every day.

This facility has spurred economic growth in Mississippi outside of the Newton community. From manufacturing to shipping to management, the economy has blossomed as La-Z-Boy's business has increased nationally. In appreciation to the community, La-Z-Boy South has made contributions to many local businesses and organizations, as well as numerous charities and youth programs.

In today's struggling economy, La-Z-Boy has maintained a skilled workforce providing optimism for many hard-working Mississippians. As our nation continues to recover from

the economic slide, our state will rely on successful companies like La-Z-Boy to provide work for jobless Mississippians. I congratulate La-Z-Boy for 50 years of manufacturing excellence and for their involvement in the Newton community and the state of Mississippi.

RECOGNIZING WORLD REFUGEE DAY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize June 20, 2010 as World Refugee Day. There are more than 42 million people in the world—16 million of them refugees—who have fled their homes due to war, political conflict, or persecution in their country. We have the responsibility to support these men, women and children, many of whom have struggled in the face of unfathomable violence. Despite the trauma refugees experience, these are people who remain hopeful that one day their lives will return to normal and they will once again be safe from harm.

Today is not the time to dwell on the daunting number of people who are fleeing from their home country, but rather to celebrate the will to live, demonstrated daily by the millions of refugees who attempt to find a better place to call home. We should learn a lesson from those who have lost or given up so much and we must find that kind of courage to support our refugee communities here at home and abroad.

Although much has been done to assist newly arrived refugees, our challenge is far from over. I would like to thank my community organizations who work directly with newly arrived refugees into Washington State. They are the ones who rise to the occasion and should be commended for the great work they have accomplished. Organizations such as The Lutheran Community Services Northwest, The International Rescue Committee, the Refugee Women's Alliance, the Coalition for Refugees from Burma, and the Southwest Youth and Family Services are only a few of the many whose constant advocacy has been a tremendous asset in the lives of my constituents. Community organizations are not the only ones to be recognized. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the hard work of community individuals who volunteer their time and resources to assist newly arrived refugees to Washington State, many of whom arrived to the US as refugees themselves.

World Refugee Day is a time to come together and spread the word to the global community about a sometimes forgotten population so that we can ensure that we remember our responsibility to aid those whose spirits have not broken and optimism has never wavered. Let us recognize World Refugee Day and honor the millions of refugees worldwide who must daily persevere through hardship and adversity.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. FRANCES K. KOCHAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to the professional teaching career of Dr. Frances K. Kochan.

Dr. Kochan received a degree in elementary education from the State University of New York at Fredonia in June 1962, and began teaching English as a second language on the Island of Yap in September of 1963. After returning to the United States, she served as an adult teacher at the Retarded Citizens Center in Medina, New York, then as an elementary school teacher in the Mannford County School District in Oklahoma.

In the summer of 1970, Dr. Kochan resumed her international teaching career in Guam, where she taught for four years. While overseas, Dr. Kochan received a master's degree in reading education from the University of Guam in 1974.

After returning from Guam, Dr. Kochan began her career with Wakulla County Schools in Crawfordville, Florida, where she served as a reading specialist, reading and language arts projects director, principal and finally as assistant superintendent and curriculum director.

In 1985, Dr. Kochan began her work in higher education at Florida State University, and received her Ph.D. in Adult Education and Policy Studies in 1994. She served there nine years before beginning at Auburn University.

In 1994, Dr. Kochan began at Auburn University serving as an associate professor, and then later becoming the Director of the Truman Pierce Institute. She began working as a full professor in November of 1999, served as Associate Dean of Administration and Research and finally became Dean of the School of Education in July of 2005, where she will serve until stepping down this summer.

Dr. Kochan has a received a number of awards throughout her career, including the 2002 Distinguished Educator Award from Florida State University and the Wayne T. Smith Distinguished Professor Award from Auburn University.

A celebration of her teaching career will be held July 22 at Auburn University. I congratulate Dr. Frances Kochan for her 47 years of service as an educator and join her friends and family in honoring her on this special occasion.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TECHNICAL SERGEANT MICHAEL PAUL FLORES

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Air Force Technical Sergeant Michael Paul Flores, who was killed in action on June 9, 2010.

Michael was a decorated 12-year Air Force veteran. During his eight deployments to Iraq

and Afghanistan, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and twelve Air Medals. He grew up in San Antonio, Texas, where he graduated from John Marshall High School before enlisting in 1997.

A Pararescue Non-Commissioned Officer assigned to the 48th Rescue Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Michael belonged to a highly regarded and specialized unit known throughout the military for their skills and willingness to risk their lives to save others.

The motto of Pararescue units, "That Others May Live", speaks to the dedication that Michael and his brothers in arms share. He perished doing what he loved alongside other Air Force Rescue personnel, on a mission to save a British Soldier's life.

We remember Tech Sergeant Flores and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss, nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Michael made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

Technical Sergeant Flores is survived by his wife Marisa, daughter Eliana and son Michael.

This body and this country owe Michael and his family our deepest gratitude, and we will today and forevermore honor and remember him and his service to our country.

ONGOING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN KYRGYZSTAN

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, I wanted to call attention to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Kyrgyzstan.

Since the ousting of former President Kurmanbek Bakiyev's government on April 7, 2010, the southern Kyrgyzstan region along the Uzbekistan border has been plagued with ethnic violence. Instability and waves of violence have continued in Osh and Jalal-Abad, resulting in killings, rapes, beatings, and widespread pillaging and destruction of homes and communities. Moreover, there are reportedly at least 400,000 displaced persons, of which many are ethnic Uzbeks seeking refuge in Uzbekistan. Those remaining in Osh are isolated and living in fear of the next violent clash. Meanwhile, the Kyrgyzstan interim government continues to struggle to stabilize the region.

I am encouraged by recent actions taken by the U.S. Government and the international community in response to the humanitarian crisis. Last week, the State Department announced \$32.267 million in aid programs for humanitarian relief, reconstruction, and community stabilization. I look forward to working with the Administration to help ensure that taxpayer resources are spent efficiently, transparently, and effectively to help those Kyrgyz and Uzbeks most in need and establish lasting stability.

Additionally last week, the UN Human Rights Council condemned the ethnic violence in Kyrgyzstan and called on its interim government to conduct a complete and transparent investigation into the events of April 7 that led to the ouster of the previous government, as well as the ongoing ethnic violence.

Healing the wounds of ethnic violence and achieving long-term stability will not be easy in a region with such burgeoning ethnic tensions. It is important that the international community, including the United States, remains committed to addressing the humanitarian needs and achieving meaningful and sustainable progress in Kyrgyzstan.

TRIBUTE TO MILDRED DAVIS OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a resident of Kansas' Third Congressional District who will shortly celebrate her hundredth birthday—a goal that many aspire to, but few achieve. Mildred Davis of Kansas City, Kansas, will celebrate her hundredth birthday on June 30th. I know that you and all House Members join with me in wishing Mildred Davis many happy returns of the day, and I am pleased to place in the RECORD a short biography of her, which was written by her friend, Joyce Dickens:

Ava Mildred Finnie Davis was born June 30, 1910, to Lillie Dedman Finnie and Lewis Finnie in Commerce, Texas. She was the youngest of five children—three brothers and a sister. Her parents and all brothers and sister have preceded her in death. Though her given name is Ava, she soon became known to all as Mildred.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was united with the New Hope Baptist Church of Greenville, Texas, before moving to Kansas City, Kansas, and uniting with Olivet Institutional Baptist Church where she has been a faithful and loyal member and worker for over 50 years. She served dutifully in the Women's Missionary Department, Baptist Training Union and the Sunday School for many years. She has encouraged and counseled many young people spiritually.

Mildred attended prep school and two years of college at Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma. In those days you could teach school in Texas with two years of college and she taught school at a small country school. She married Grady L. Davis (now deceased) in Paris, Texas, and they moved to Kansas City in the early 1940s. She worked at the old munitions plant in the Fairfax Industrial District during the war and after the war she began to work for well-to-do families in Johnson County cleaning and cooking. They soon discovered she was a superior cook and began to use her skills in the kitchen for their entertaining. In 1945 she and Grady bought their first home, at 615 Freeman Avenue, where she resided for over 60 years. She was childless and when my large family moved next door to her in 1954 she befriended me and took me under her wings making me clothes and encouraging me in my endeavors. I was only 12 years old and I loved going next door where she would regale me with stories of her youth and life. She was not only a fun person but also a wise mentor.

In the late 1950s Mildred began to work for the Internal Revenue Service during tax season. Eventually she was hired full time at the Social Security Administration where she retired after over 20 years of service.

She belonged to several community organizations including the Turtle Hill Homeowners Association, which was organized in her living room. This organization was instrumental in the redevelopment of the Turtle Hill area, which now has many new homes. She was also a long-time member of the now inactive L'Esprit Social Club and when meetings were held in her home, all members attended mainly because they knew the food and company would be excellent.

Mildred Davis is now a resident at Medicalodge Post Acute Care and continues to be loved and admired by many friends, associates and a foster daughter.

RECOGNIZING THE 145TH ANNIVERSARY OF JUNETEENTH AND THE 17TH CELEBRATION OF THE JUNETEENTH FREEDOM & HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize June 19, 2010 as the 145th anniversary of the observance of Juneteenth in the United States and the 17th celebration in Memphis, Tennessee. While the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln in September 1862, it was not until June 19, 1865 that Union Soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger proclaimed freedom to the last slaves in the far corners of the South in Galveston, Texas. To commemorate this day in our history and the political contributions of many African-Americans to our nation, the Memphis Juneteenth Freedom and Heritage Festival has chosen the theme, "A Tribute to African-Americans in Politics from Reconstruction to Present."

Hiram R. Revels of Mississippi, the first African-American to serve by appointment in the U.S. Senate in 1870 and Joseph Hayne Rainey of South Carolina, the first African-American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1871, made tremendous political strides by paving the way for other African-Americans. Jefferson Long, although the shortest serving African-American in the U.S. House of Representatives, was the first to speak on the floor in 1870. Blanche Bruce of Mississippi was the first African American and only former slave to preside over the U.S. Senate in 1979 and William Dawson of Illinois was the first to chair a standing Congressional committee in 1949. Shirley Chisholm of New York was the first African-American woman elected to Congress in 1968. From my home of Memphis, Harold Ford, Sr. was the first African-American from Tennessee to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. His son, Harold Ford, Jr., was the first African-American Member to succeed his father. Today, we all have our first African-American President, Barack Obama.

From Reconstruction to the Sanitation Workers Union Strike in 1968, Memphis has been

at the center of the movement for racial equality. Memphis is home to many prominent political figures including Robert R. Church, Jr., a political leader and founder of the first Tennessee chapter of the NAACP in 1917, and in 1964, A. W. Willis became the first African-American elected to the Tennessee General Assembly after Reconstruction.

Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, former Executive Director/CEO of the NAACP and Dr. Vasco Smith, the first African-American elected to the Shelby County Commission and influential in the founding of The MED, both resided in Memphis until their recent deaths. Former Tennessee State Senator and civil rights judge Russell Sugarmon currently resides in Memphis and is still politically active. I am privileged to have worked alongside these men and to call them friends.

Since 1865, communities have gathered to celebrate Juneteenth through readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing of spirituals, and large gatherings of family and friends. For the past 17 years in Memphis, Juneteenth has been held in the historic Douglass Community, named after Frederick Douglass. The land on which the community sits was once owned by Reverend William Rush-Plummer, the son of a slave from Africa and a slave owner.

Madam Speaker, it is in the spirit of these great men and women and countless others that I ask my colleagues to join me in observing our nation's 145th anniversary of Juneteenth and the celebrations in Memphis. This is a time to reflect upon the end of slavery in America and to recognize the many contributions from African-Americans. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, the Emancipation Proclamation "came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity."

HOUSE SMALL BUSINESS LEGISLATION

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, one of the surest ways government can help generate economic activity, innovation, and job growth is by cutting taxes on small businesses, which are the backbone of the U.S. economy and employ more than half of all American workers.

I have voted for and cosponsored a number of small business tax cut bills during the 111th Congress and was pleased to vote last week in support of H.R. 5486, the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act. Among other things, this bill would cut capital gains taxes for small businesses and would quadruple the tax deduction for business start-up expenses from \$5,000 to \$20,000. H.R. 5486 is common sense legislation and ought to be quickly enacted.

Another way to stimulate business activity and create jobs is to help America's community banks lend money to small businesses. Business owners in Missouri tell me they want to expand but cannot because of a lack of financing. A second bill considered in the House last week, H.R. 5297, would allow small banks to tap into a \$30 billion fund at the Treasury Department so they can issue

loans to healthy small businesses thirsting for capital to expand operations and hire workers. These funds would bypass Wall Street and go directly to Missouri communities where they can do the most good for small businesses.

Because the creation of this small bank lending fund is so important to economic development and job creation, it is supported by America's home town banks, small businesses, Realtors, and home builders, among others. I was pleased to support H.R. 5297 and encouraged that it passed the House with bipartisan support. I urge prompt action in the Senate.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF DERRYL ALBERT DUMERMUTH

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and public service of retired teacher Derryl Albert Dumermuth. Derryl was an inspiration to all those who knew him, impacting the lives of his students and the surrounding community.

Derryl Dumermuth was the fifth of six children, growing up on his family farm in Fayette, Iowa. He attended Upper Iowa University and Iowa State College until he enlisted in the Marine Corps early in 1944. After World War II, he earned his bachelor's of science degree from Upper Iowa University and in 1955 he received the master of arts degree at Northern Arizona University. When the huge influx of students studying on the G.I. Bill threatened to swamp the faculty at Upper Iowa University, Derryl was hired to teach mathematics; the start of a successful career in public education.

In 1962, Derryl brought his family to my hometown of Tulare, California. Here he served as Tulare Union High School Math Department Chairman for 28 years, retiring in 1990. Derryl taught the first class of computer programming ever offered in the city of Tulare and developed the first Advanced Placement course for Tulare county schools, AP Calculus. High school yearbooks were dedicated to Mr. Dumermuth in 1952 and in 1981, he was chosen as the "Outstanding Math/Science Teacher in Tulare/Kings Counties," and was chosen as a mentor teacher for two consecutive years.

In addition to his devotion to education, Derryl was an active member of the community. He was the coordinator of the Docent Program at the Tulare City Historical Museum and church historian for the United Methodist Church of Tulare. He was also an active member of several organizations including the Tulare High School CTA and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Tulare. In 2001, Derryl wrote "A Town Called Tulare" as a fundraiser for the Tulare Historical Museum and two years later published "Tulare Legends and Trivia from A to Z."

Derryl was someone who I knew personally. He was a dedicated teacher and mentor, inspiring everyone he taught. His life's values and commitment to education will live on through his family, friends, and community.

HONORING REVEREND MARY MARGARET ECKHARDT

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Reverend Mary Margaret Eckhardt, Pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia, Michigan, upon her retirement after more than 30 years of service in ministry.

Reverend Eckhardt became an ordained minister in 1979 after having obtained her bachelor of science and master of science degrees from the University of Tennessee, going on to pursue her Master of Divinity from United Theological Seminary in Ohio. Reverend Eckhardt has served in four United Methodist Churches in Michigan, spending the last 8 years at St. Matthew's as an exceptional preacher, adult Bible Study leader and mission trip leader. She serves on the UMC district level as a Hunger Coordinator and at the conference level as an UMCOR Disaster Coordinator.

Serving her church as well as her community, Reverend Eckhardt has been an active supporter and member of the Rotary Club of Livonia and currently holds the position of Secretary. She avidly enjoys the outdoors as a hiker and bicyclist. Reverend Eckhardt has proven to be a woman of dedicated and irreplaceable service. She will be missed by the members of her congregation as she pursues the next chapter of her life.

Madam Speaker, for more than 30 years Reverend Mary Margaret Eckhardt has faithfully served her congregation, her church, her community and her Lord. As she enters the next phase of her life, she leaves behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, and excellence. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Mary Margaret Eckhardt upon her retirement and recognizing her years of loyal service to our community and country.

TRIBUTE TO KARA GORMLEY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a popular television personality in Columbia, South Carolina as she leaves her post as a morning news anchor on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. Kara Gormley is a familiar face to Columbians who have watched her professionally report the news at WIS-TV for more than a decade. Her presence on the Sunrise program will be sorely missed.

Kara Gormley is a native of Carthage, New York, and is the daughter of the late Barbara and Robert Gormley. After graduating from Providence College in Rhode Island, Kara took her first broadcast journalism job in Wausau, Wisconsin. Midlands viewers first came to know Kara when she joined WIS News 10 in 1996 as co-host of the Sunrise program. She later took an assignment to anchor the evening news at 5:00 p.m., and serve as a featured health reporter.

In 2000, she was lured away from WIS, and became the morning news anchor at the NBC

sister station in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her heart remained in Columbia, and Kara married Banks Meador, a native of Chester, in 2002, which led to her return to WIS. Back in Columbia, she anchored the weekend news and served as a weekday reporter. Later she rejoined the Sunrise program, where her journey at WIS began.

Kara has been recognized for her journalism talent by the Associated Press and the South Carolina Broadcasters Association. She has also earned the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award of Excellence.

She has been very active in the Midlands community. Kara has generously donated her time and her talents to the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill, Special Olympics South Carolina, Project Pet, Sistercare, Camp Kemo, the Children's Miracle Network and Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. She is also an active supporter of Winston's Wish, a foundation of autistic children, and the national Safety Council's "Alive at 25" program, which promotes safe driving habits among drivers under 25.

Kara takes great pride in her contribution to Faces of Freedom, a book that profiles fallen heroes who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. The proceeds of the book go to charities that benefit military families.

As a former competitive swimmer and scholarship athlete, Kara is dedicated to promoting physical fitness. She helped create and build Limitless Sports, an organization that helps wheelchair-bound children and adults participate in athletics.

Kara and her husband will remain in Columbia, where she will focus on raising their three young sons—Dalton, Evan and Cooper.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me on congratulating Kara Gormley for her contributions to the field of broadcast journalism and to her dedication to making her community a better place to live. She has enriched the lives of so many during her years at WIS-TV, and I wish her all the best as she pursues other endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,040,053,515,762.18.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,401,627,769,468.38 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA B. SUTHERLAND

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Representative Patricia B. Sutherland and congratulate her on her pending retirement from the Maine Legislature.

Currently serving her second term in the Maine Legislature, Representative Sutherland has shown a continued dedication to serving the people of Maine and has been a tireless advocate for education and economic development in the state.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in English from Saint Joseph's College, Pat began her career teaching high school English, and a little over twenty years ago, Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle, then Northern Maine Technical College, was fortunate enough to bring her on as their director of development and community relations. While Pat's retirement from that role was cause for some sadness, it provided an occasion to show her dedication to increasing Maine students' opportunities for higher learning. As the House Chair of the Maine Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, Pat has worked hard to improve education for all Maine students.

Pat is also a champion of economic development in Maine. Her commitment to economic development is exemplified by her contributions to Aroostook County's economic development initiatives, including the critical Aroostook County Empowerment Zone. Pat also chairs the Northern Maine Empowerment Council and is a board member of the Northern Maine Development Commission and the Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development program. In addition, she is a member of the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club and is on the Town of Chapman's board of selectmen.

Patricia Sutherland continues to leave lasting marks on Maine. I am confident that she will continue to find ways to express her passion for educational and economic development during this new and exciting chapter in her life. On behalf of the people of Maine, it is with pride that I congratulate Representative Sutherland for her excellent work.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Representative Patricia B. Sutherland for her continued dedication to serving the people of Maine.

TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR LOUIS ANTONELLI

HON. GREGORIO KILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man truly blessed by his Creator: a man who is religious, honest, faithful, devoted, and obedient to his calling. The man to whom I refer is the Reverend Monsignor Louis Antonelli, the pastor of San Isidro Church on the island of Rota.

Monsignor Antonelli was born on September 23, 1918, in Sheppron, Pennsylvania. He began his studies for the priesthood at the Stigmatine Minor Seminary in Waltham, Massachusetts in 1931, at the tender age of 13 years. He continued his studies at the Stigmatine Major Seminary in Wellesley, Massachusetts until he was ordained a priest on June 11, 1949, and immediately became an assistant pastor at the Sacred Heart Church, in Milford, Massachusetts.

Four years later in 1953, he was assigned to the U.S. territory of Guam, where he taught at Father Duenas Memorial School, a Catholic high school, until being reassigned to the mainland United States in 1959.

In 1970 he returned to Guam, this time as Assistant Pastor at the Agana Cathedral and San Vicente Church. He also served as Director of the Permanent Diaconate Program on Guam.

In 1973, he was sent to the Northern Mariana Islands, first for two weeks on Tinian, then to the permanent position of Pastor of San Francisco De Borja Church in Songsong, Rota. There he served until 1991, when he initiated and built the Rota San Isidro Mission at Sinapalu on Rota, becoming its Pastor and serving at the Mission up to the present day.

In his ministry, Monsignor Antonelli presided over countless masses, baptisms, catechism classes, counseling sessions, weddings and funerals. His daily work involves administering communion to hospital patients, prison inmates, the sick and the elderly.

In partnership with the Sisters of Mercy from Guam, he established the Escuelan San Francisco De Borja on Rota in 1985. Today, the school continues to provide grade school education to children on Rota. He is also directly responsible for the beautification and maintenance of the San Pedro Cemetery on Rota, which some have referred to as a mini Arlington National Cemetery because of the care Pale Antonelli has given this ground.

While ministering to his flock, Monsignor Antonelli also has found time to breed and raise cattle and to experiment with a variety of grasses to use as feed. He has a herd of nearly 100 head of cattle on his small Rota ranch. Many would say that the Monsignor has bred the best cattle and maintains the best grazing lands on Rota.

Monsignor Antonelli's service and activities have won wide recognition. Among the honors he has received during his service on Rota is recognition as the "Conservationist of the Year" in 1990 by the Luta Soil and Water Conservation District; and in 1996, Pope John Paul II named him "Prelate of Honor", which gave him the title of Monsignor.

Monsignor Antonelli has been a priest for 61 years, 37 of which he ministered to the spiritual health of the people of Rota, volunteered as a high school teacher and assisted farmers and cattle ranchers. He has declared and affirmed that Rota is his home for the rest of his life and also where he wants to rest in peace.

On behalf of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, I wish to express my gratitude to Monsignor Antonelli for all his exceptional service and wish him good health and much happiness as he continues his ministry to our people: We look forward to his 92nd birthday in September!

HONORING THE NAACP ON ITS
101ST ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 242, which honors and praises the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, for its 101st year of service. H. Con. Res. 242 is an important resolution that commends an organization that has worked tirelessly to make our Nation a better place for all Americans.

I would like to thank Chairman CONYERS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman GREEN, for taking the time to honor the NAACP and its crucial contributions to our Nation's social and moral progress.

Mr. Speaker, the NAACP has played a vital role in empowering our Nation's African-American community and ensuring that all Americans are equal before the law. As the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States, the NAACP has always been dedicated to achieving their goals through non-violence. One of the most famous moments in the history of the NAACP occurred in 1955, when an NAACP secretary refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. This bold and empowering decision by Rosa Parks started the Montgomery Bus Boycotts and was a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement.

The NAACP was a driving force behind the passage of the Civil Rights Acts of 1957, 1960, and 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, and the Fair Housing Act of 2006. On July 16, 2009, during the NAACP's centennial anniversary celebration in New York, members remembered progress made and reaffirmed their passion in the ongoing fight for equality. The keynote speaker at the anniversary celebration was the first black President of the United States, Barack H. Obama.

Mr. Speaker, it is entirely fitting that we honor and express our national gratitude for the NAACP for 101 years of service, during which time it assisted millions of Americans and helped fight poverty, inequality, and social injustice. It is equally important that we express our full support for and solidarity with the NAACP as it continues in its second century of service and continues to address pressing national issues like political, educational, social, economic, and racial inequality. As one who has long been active in the Long Beach chapter of the NAACP, I can attest to the critical role that this organization continues to play in the communities across our country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Con. Res. 242.

HONORING MERTON WILLIAMS
MIDDLE SCHOOL OF HILTON,
NEW YORK, FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me in recognizing Merton Williams Middle School of Hilton, NY, for being recognized as one of the top middle schools in the country.

The National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform recently recognized Merton Williams Middle School as a School to Watch. Only 90 of the nation's 21,000 public middle schools are honored each year, and only 17 of New York's 1,121 public middle schools are honored this year.

Until the establishment of Merton Williams Middle School in 1964, middle school students in Hilton attended six different area schools. Today, Merton Williams lives up to the motto of the Hilton School District: "Maximizing the Potential of the Individual Learner."

The teachers and staff of Merton Williams are truly to be commended for their hard work and service to their students. Credit is especially due to Principal Carol Stehm and Assistant Principal Suzanne Goff for their exceptional leadership. But most importantly, I would like to congratulate the students of Merton Williams. Through their hard work and devotion to their schoolwork and their community, they stood out as an exceptional group of young adults.

I ask that this House once again join with me in congratulating Merton Williams Middle School for receiving this commendation and serving as an example to middle schools and junior high schools everywhere.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTRAL
CATHOLIC SHAMROCKS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Golf team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School. On June 12, 2010 the Catholic Central Shamrocks raised the MHSAA championship trophy after besting defending champion Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central by 14 strokes.

Under the tutelage of Coach Bill Hayes, the Shamrocks tied for second place in the Catholic High School League and seemed to get stronger with every step toward the finals of the state tourney. After securing a place in Division 1 District 7 on May 28, CC moved on to regionals on June 3, finishing behind top ranked Birmingham Brother Rice and Hartland.

The 8th ranked Shamrocks took to the links after round one with a slim 4-shot lead over Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central and summarily set a new state final round record of 281. More impressive yet, CC set a new state tournament record of 569 besting the old

record by 13 strokes. Remarkably, all four starters broke par, a feat no veteran golf coach at the course could recall ever seeing in a state final.

This championship marked the 2nd state golf title of the decade for Catholic Central. Indeed a remarkable accomplishment for this close knit group of young men, the hard work and dedication it took epitomizes what it means to be a Shamrock. By the teaching of our Basilian Fathers through goodness, discipline and knowledge the entire Catholic Central family, including this alumnus, shares in this unprecedented 6th Division 1 Championship brought home to Catholic Central during the 2009–2010 school year.

Madam Speaker, the 2010 Catholic Central Shamrocks deserve to be recognized for their dedication, achievement and spirit and I am very proud of their determination and effort. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shamrocks for obtaining yet another title as well as for their devotion to our community and country. Live and die for CC High!

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR ROBERT D.
COBLE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and outstanding public servant, the Honorable Robert D. Coble. Mayor Coble is retiring from public life after 25 years of service, the last two decades as Mayor of Columbia, South Carolina. He has served as a tireless advocate for the city and its residents, and his tremendous leadership will be missed.

Mayor Bob, as he is affectionately known, is a native of Chesterfield, South Carolina, but came to live in the city he now leads as a child. He is a graduate of Dreher High School, and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina. At USC's School of Law, Mayor Bob distinguished himself as a member of the Order of the Wig and Robe and graduated with a Juris Doctor cum laude.

Today he is a partner in the law firm of Nexsen Pruet. He has dedicated his legal career to practicing in the areas of economic development, health care, regulatory law and governmental representation. This expertise is a reflection of the issues he is passionate about in his public service.

In 1985, Bob Coble won a seat on Richland County Council where he served for 5 years before being elected Mayor of Columbia in 1990. During his 20 years at the helm of the city, Mayor Bob has focused on revitalizing downtown and the neighborhoods that surround it. Today, the city that Mayor Coble manages is almost unrecognizable from the one he inherited. The once gritty industrial corridor, just blocks from the State Capitol, has been transformed into a vibrant commercial thoroughfare known as the Vista. A riverfront that was once dominated by the state's largest correctional facility is now home to a park, new residential developments and two popular museums. Former barrack-style public housing developments have been razed and replaced with affordable housing that families are proud

to call home. These are just a few examples of the tremendous changes that have taken place in Columbia under Mayor Bob leadership.

The name Mayor Bob exemplifies the affable way he approaches the office and the people he serves. No issue is too small and no person is too insignificant for this humble public servant. He has met Presidents and Popes, but has never lost the common touch. He treats everyone with respect and dignity no matter their status in life.

His style of governing is one I can appreciate—consensus-building. This style was born in part because of his natural disposition, but also because of his role as a who held no more voting power than any other member of City Council. Despite this weak mayor form of government, Mayor Bob was anything but weak. He led the way in setting the agenda for the city and ensuring that his vision was carried out. And his influence went beyond the City of Columbia.

Mayor Bob was a vocal opponent of the Confederate flag flying over the State Capitol. He was also an integral player in the fight to save Fort Jackson from closure during two rounds of the base realignment process. I feel certain that it was because of his and other community leaders making such a strong case for Fort Jackson that its mission grew as other facilities were being closed.

Personally, I will never forget being rocked by images of the suffering and chaos after Hurricane Katrina and picking up the phone to ask Mayor Bob to help me bring survivors of that disaster to Columbia. He didn't hesitate, and worked throughout the Labor Day weekend to set up a one-of-a-kind center to provide all the services evacuees would need. The City of Columbia ultimately became the destination for more than 2,000 New Orleans residents who had no place to call home, and thanks to Mayor Bob they found a community that welcomed them with open arms.

Outside of his work on the city's behalf, Mayor Bob has also been personally committed to improving the community in which he lives. He has served on numerous boards and commissions and volunteered countless hours of his time. He started the City of Columbia's Lunch Buddy program and has been a lunch buddy for 12 years. Mayor Bob and his wife, Beth, founded the "First Ladies Walk for Life" to raise funds for breast cancer research.

He has served as the President of the Municipal Association of South Carolina and Chairman of the Fighting Back Task Force for Alcohol and Drug Abuse. He was instrumental in creating the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority and has been the fundraising chairman of the United Negro College Fund. Mayor Bob is also a former member of the advisory board for the Medical University of

South Carolina, the Council on Aging, the South Carolina Special Olympics and the Bethlehem Community Center. He is currently a board member with the River Alliance, Ingenuity, and the Central Carolina Economic Development Alliance.

Mayor Bob has received numerous awards during his 25 years of public service including the Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador of the Year (2004), Central Midlands Council of Governments Regional Leadership Award (2007), induction into Richland School District One's Hall of Fame (2007) and the Global Vision Award from the World Affairs Council (2008).

He is married to the former Beth McLeod and they are the proud parents of six children and two grandsons. They are members of Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, where he has taught Sunday school and was a Boy Scout leader for a number of years.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in thanking Bob Coble for his tremendous record of public service. Even though he is stepping aside to let a new leader take over the helm in Columbia, the city will forever reflect the many positive contributions Mayor Bob has made. He is a true leader and great example for anyone entering public service today to follow.